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1. (Original) A wall patch, comprising:  
a substantially planar body;  
an adhesive located on a lower surface of the body; and  
a ready-to-paint upper surface of the body.
2. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 1[,] wherein the body further comprises a perimeter having a feathered edge.
3. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 1[,] wherein the ready-to-paint outward surface comprises a texture.
4. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 1[,] wherein the body is formed from a tear-resistant material.
5. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 1[,] wherein the body is formed of biaxially oriented three-ply polypropylene film.

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10. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, comprising:  
selecting a wall patch having an outward surface adapted to be directly paintable;  
applying the wall patch over a hole; and  
painting directly over the wall patch.
11. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 10, further comprising  
applying a center reinforcement over the hole before applying the self-adhesive wall patch.
12. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 11, wherein the center  
reinforcement is a rigid wall patch and wherein applying a center reinforcement comprises:  
removing an upper surface portion of the wall around the hole in a shape corresponding  
to a shape of the rigid wall patch to a depth approximately equal to the thickness of the rigid wall  
patch to form a recessed area; and  
placing the rigid wall patch within the recessed area.
13. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 11, wherein the center  
reinforcement is formed from a fibered paper or plastic material.
14. A method for repairing a hole in a wall according to claim 10, wherein the wall patch is  
formed from a biaxially oriented three-ply polypropylene film
15. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, according to claim 10, wherein the wall patch  
comprises a pre-textured rigid wall patch, and wherein applying a wall patch over the hole  
comprises:

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removing an upper surface of the wall around the hole in a shape corresponding to the shape of the rigid wall patch to a depth approximately equal to the thickness of the rigid wall patch to form a recessed area; and

placing the rigid wall patch into the recessed area.

16. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, according to claim 15, wherein the rigid wall patch has a substantially rectangular shape having four corners and wherein at least one of the corners is directed inwardly in the direction of a bottom surface thereof, the method further comprising:

forcing the inwardly directed corner of the rigid wall patch into the wall to secure the rigid wall patch over the hole; and

tracing an outline of the rigid wall patch along the wall to define the shape on the upper surface of the wall for removal.

17. A method for repairing a hole in a wall, according to claim 16, further comprising:  
selecting a wall patch strip having an upper surface adapted to be directly paintable;  
placing the wall patch strip over a crack between the rigid wall patch and the wall surface.

18. (Original) A wall patch for repairing a hole or a crack in a wall, comprising:  
a substantially planar, flexible body;  
an adhesive located on a lower surface of the body; and  
a ready-to-paint upper surface located on the body.

19. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 18[,] wherein the ready-to-paint upper surface of the body is pre-textured and wherein one or more edges of the body are feathered to allow the body to more readily mate with a textured wall surface.

20. (Currently Amended) A wall patch according to claim 18[,] wherein the body is formed from a biaxially oriented, three-ply[,] polyethylene film.

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21. (New) A wall patch according to claim 1, further comprising:  
a center reinforcement.
22. (New) A wall patch according to claim 1 wherein the center reinforcement is a rigid metal or plastic wall patch.
23. (New) A wall patch according to claim 1 wherein the center reinforcement is a smooth, self-adhesive plastic or fibered-paper wall patch.